

CATSKILL TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING – August 17, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Catskill held their committee meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. Supervisor Davis called the meeting to order with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present:

Doreen Davis, Supervisor
Robert Antonelli, Councilman
Jared Giordiano, Councilman
Patrick McCulloch, Councilman
Paul Vosburgh, Councilman

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #107-2016 with motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Giordiano amending Resolution #100-2016 to include the joint public hearing with the Village of Catskill in regards to the annexation of property. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes

HIGHWAY:

Highway Superintendent Beers requested purchase of a lawn mower under state bid as the one he has is unsafe. *Resolution # 108-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh to authorize the purchase of a John Deere Z915B Commercial ZTrak mower under state bid from The Hudson River Tractor Co. in the amount of \$6,717.48. Adopted Vote: 5 Yes*

Supervisor Davis requested Superintendent Beers stress test all his second hand equipment, to do an inventory and submit a five year plan for replacement of equipment for budget purposes.

Supervisor Davis also requested the same be done with the computers at Town Hall.

COUNCILMEN COMMENTS:

Councilman Antonelli stated he and Supervisor Davis met with Greene County Treasurer Peter Markou regarding the county purchasing plots in the cemetery for the indigent. The price is \$250 for the grave and \$250 for the opening and closing. Supervisor Davis stated we have the space. Councilman Antonelli stated he is going to get a price from Henderson for a small placard for the person's name.

Councilman McCulloch stated Huber has been at the Ambulance Building and will be replacing the air conditioner. There are some holes in the ceiling in the bunk room. Supervisor Davis stated to get some estimates to repair.

Supervisor Davis stated at each meeting she will have the profit/loss versus the actual for reference. Relatively we are in good shape. We have notified First Niagara we are moving everything over.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Travis Smigel of Delaware Engineering gave a brief overview of the work to date on the Leeds Jefferson Heights Sewer project. Ground has been broken and the system has started to be installed. They have received calls from residents with questions. They have dropped off some flyers and had some onsite meetings.

The town received from EFC NY Water Grant up to \$3.15 million. The acknowledgment has been signed. The next step will be an assistant agreement from the state to complete. The funds will either be cash up front or towards the principal on the loan. That has not been determined yet.

Supervisor Davis asked to have the math on the debt service. Mr. Smigel stated he will get that to her. She also stated to have an updated FAQ for the September water bill mailing.

Mr. Smigel stated they are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Central Hudson. Supervisor Davis asked if anyone has reached out from Columbia Memorial. Mr. Smigel stated not yet. Supervisor Davis stated she will get in touch with them to give DE's number.

Mr. Smigel stated there is a speeding issue as traffic is not going at the posted limit. This may be something that will need to look into further.

Rene VanSchaack of the IDA gave an update on the CAT21 project. He apologized for missing the last meeting. He stated the biggest movement is the natural gas line. The IDA is paying \$995,000 for upgrading the line from Allen Street to a 6" line which now causes Central Hudson to upgrade all the regulators on the homes and the service lines from the street to the house. However, this will one day give us a chance to expand the line past the garage. It represents a good partnership and now there will be an economic opportunity west of Marshall & Sterling.

The IDA has options on all but one property but that is being reviewed by the property owner and should go through. Some structures may be moved but most likely will be torn down.

The executive summary of the feasibility study will be released publicly. The SEQR is moving along slowly. The draft EIS for the public hearing will be towards the end of October.

He may make suggestions for changing zoning for the board to consider adopting amendments related to PDE laws. It gives them the chance to look at something special in a different light but does not eliminate the need for planning board review. There are models to look at. Cocksackie and New Baltimore established PDE's.

Councilman Giordiano stated the development is exciting. Supervisor Davis, on behalf of the board, thanked Rene for everything done.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stella Martin approached the board regarding her ongoing issue with the toxic landfill next to her house. She is now homeless. Has severe cadmium poisoning and seizure activity on her brain. She has been told by agencies and her doctors her home is killing her. All of her family has been diagnosed with an overdose of toxins. These toxins are now in the protected wetlands. The issue is still there. She had to leave her home as the business is accepting debris. She is not done yet and believes everyone should be held accountable.

Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a contract. Councilman Giordiano made the motion with Councilman Vosburgh seconding. Time: 7:19 pm.

Motion to exit executive session and resume the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Time: 7:30 pm.

Supervisor Davis asked for a motion to accept the contract with Santos & Assoc. for Code Enforcement for the Town of Catskill. *Resolution 109-2016 with motion by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman McCulloch authorizing the Supervisor sign the contract with Santos & Assoc. for Code Enforcement for the Town of Catskill. Adopted Vote: 4 Yes 1 No (Antonelli)*

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Giordiano, seconded by Councilman Vosburgh. Meeting ended 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk